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Syracuse, Nov. 14

My dear Cousin. —

The enclosed note from
Rev Mr Kell of Southampton
England — must, I think, have
been intend^{ed} for you, as I
never had any acquaint-
ance or correspondence with
him. Whether it were so or
not — I beg you to receive
it as addressed to you —
and act in the premises
as you think proper —
I wish I knew how you
liked our response to the
English Address of last May.
Although written by myself
it does not seem to me now
just what I meant it should
be. But it may serve to
throw the door of intercom-
munication on the subject
wide open. — Dr Ellis refus-
ed to be of the Committee
to prepare the answer

He would not even read
what I had written. He
wished it to be known
that he repudiated the
whole procedure as much
as he did fifteen years
ago. It was not a letter
from our English Brethren
that we were called to
answer but one from
Sam. May. Young Mr.
Hall of Plymouth refus-
ed to sign the letter as
one of the Secretaries
of the Convocation. So it
was thrown back upon
the Committee J. F. C.
& myself. Dr Elliot, I
was told expressed his
disatisfaction to those
who sat near him. Mr
E. E. Hale said (paren-
thetically, half aside) the
whole proceeding is all
bosh - nevertheless our
answer ought to be sent

to the English Unitarians
as with the almost unan-
imous consent of the
Convention. And so it
was. The above named
being the only exceptions.
In justice to Mr Hale I
should add he after-
wards apologized to me
for speaking so disre-
spectfully of a matter, in
which I and many oth-
ers seemed to be so much
interested.

It was a great disap-
pointment to me, that
I was obliged to come
away from Haverhill
Sept, without having seen
you and your wife and
Ade. But my stay was
all too short to accom-
plish what I attempted
to do. Yet I was obliged
to return when I did.

I have had quite a number of letters from Mrs. Chapman
and her mother, sister, which I wish I could show you.

I hope your health has
improved. If it has not
essentially so. You must
prolong your abstinence
from labor and care —
seek recreation a change
of occupation and per-
haps a change of scene.

I wish you would come
and make us a visit.

I staid at your father's
while in Boston and
came away feeling very
grateful for all the kind-
ness shown me there —
by your father, mother
and sisters as also by
your brother J. J. and his
family. Cousin Frederick
& wife were absent —

Give our love to your
wife and Ade.

Yours affectionately,

Saml. J. May

Has your son Edward
yet returned?

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